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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT:SECURITY FOLLOW CAR

FOR RSO FROM A/SY/FO

REF: 1) BEIRUT 1807; 2) BEIRUT 2090

1. NO OBJECTIONS TO USE OF 71 PLYMOUTH AS PROPOSED PARA 2 BEIRUT 1807. ASSIGNMENT OF SECURITY VEHICLES TO MISSION FLEET IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGNATION ONLY AND HAS NO BEARING ON USE. USE OF A FOLLOW CAR AS A GENERAL POST DISPATCH VEHICLE IS A MISUSE. SUCH CARS SHOULD BE USED EITHER IN CLASSIC ROLE OF FOLLOW CAR OR BY SECURITY PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF THEIR OPERATION, AS THE 71 PLY EAT CAR WAS USED BEFORE BEING SENT TO JIDDA. THIS CAR, HOWEVER, MUST BE KEPT IN SUCH CONDITION THAT IT CAN BE READILY DEPLOYED TO ANOTHER POST REQUIRING A FOLLOW CAR, IF SUCH A NEED ARISES.

2. SWCS CC WALKER IS SCHED TO VISIT YOUR POST 2/21 AND
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CAN REVIEW CHARACTERISTICS AND LIMITATIONS OF 74 CHRYSLER.
THERE IS A GAP IN ARMOR ESPECIALLY FOR RADIO INSTALLATION.
DISTORTION IN SIDE GLASS WHEN LOOKED AT FROM AN ANGLE IS
UNAVOIDABLE, GIVEN THE THICKNESS AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED

TO GIVE THE BALLISTIC LEVEL OF PROTECTION REQUIRED. THE
GREYISH TINT OF THE WINDSHIELD PROBABLY REASON FOR
"CLOUDING" EFFECT. BRAKE LININGS ARE METALIC BASED AND
GIVE MOST EFFICILNT BRAKING AFTER BEING WARMED UP. HOW-
EVER, WALKER CAN CHECK OVERALL SYSTEM TO INSURE IT IS IN
GOOD ORDER.

3. WE ARE DISTURBED AS YOU BY REPORTS THAT PASSENGERS
AND CREW OF SHIP KNEW CHARACTERISTICS OF CAR, AND WILL TRY
TO INSURE THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. KISSINGER

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